MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12 o'Clock.

The House then adjourned at twenty-four minutes past eleven of the clock till 12 o'clock.

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock.
MR. CHAIRMAN in the chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Dengue deaths

†*1. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fifteen States in the country are in the grip of dengue;

(b) if so, the number of persons who died of dengue and whether Government is planning to formulate a country-wide plan to control this disease; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Dengue is generally reported from 22 States and Union Territories of the country. This year till 8th October, 2008, 12 States and 3 Union Territories have reported 3988 cases including 49 deaths. State/UT wise details are annexed as Statement. (*See* below).

Government of India has already formulated a specific disease control programme for Dengue for which separate budget has been allocated in 11th Five Year Plan. During 2007–08, Rs. 2.50 crores was sanctioned which has been increased to Rs.16.69 crores in 2008–09. The following are the activities under this programme:

1. For strengthening monitoring and surveillance, Sentinel Surveillance Centre have been set up in 137 different existing hospitals spread over 20 States and Union Territories. Apart from these Sentinel Surveillance Centres, 13 labs have been identified as Apex Referral Labs spread out in existing hospitals in different parts of the country for the confirmation of Dengue.

2. For Dengue testing, dengue testing kits (IgM MAC Elisa kits made by National Institute of Virology, Pune) are being supplied to the Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and Apex Referral Labs. These Centres are also being funded to some extent by Government of India.

3. States are being funded for procurement of fogging machines.

4. Capacity building through training is being done.

5. Need based operational research is being conducted.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

6. Epidemic preparedness, Monitoring and Evaluation, and IEC for awareness generation of the community, are other important activities undertaken in this programme.

A strategic Action Plan for implementation of above activities has been developed and sent to the states in January, 2007, for implementation.

Guidelines for Clinical Management of Dengue have been developed and sent to the States for wider circulation among the hospitals. Training has been imparted to the medical officers to enhance the skill in management of cases.

Intensified and focused IEC campaign has increased the awareness among the community regarding prevention of mosquito breeding in an around their houses and early treatment seeking.

Rapid response teams were established in the affected States and districts and funds were provided to take prompt effective preventive measures to stop the transmission to further areas.

All this has resulted in better management of the cases as deaths has comparatively declined in 2008 and the case fatality rate has come down to 1.2% in 2008 against 1.5% in 2006.

Statement

State—wise details of Dengue cases and deaths in the country in 2008

Sl.No.	State	(till 8 Oct.)	
		Cases	Death
1	2	3	4
1.	Haryana	849	10
2.	Delhi	743	2
3.	Gujarat	403	2
4.	Kerala	366	3
5.	Tamil Nadu	314	1
6.	Maharashtra	291	20
7.	West Bengal	232	3
8.	Karnataka	231	3
9.	Rajasthan	204	2
10.	Andhra Pradesh	111	1
11.	Punjab	94	0
12.	Chandigarh	75	0

1	2	3	4
13.	Pondicherry	32	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	22	2
15.	Goa	21	0
	Total	3988	49

Investment plans of steel companies

*2. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late major steel companies in the country have announced investment plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the tangible progress made therein; and

(d) the role of Government in supporting these steel companies in their investment plans?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of major steel companies have announced investment in steel sector, both under capacity expansion (brownfield) plans and setting up of greenfield projects. Ministry of Steel is monitoring the progress of the major integrated steel projects. The details of some of the major steel investments are as follows:—

(Crude steel capacity in million tonnes)

S. No.	Name of the Company	Current production capacity	Capacity likely to be achieved by 2011-12	Total proposed capacity by 2019-20	Total approximate estimated cost as informed by company (in Crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	12.84	24.84	60.0	78845.00*
2.	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.	2.9	6.3	6.3	8962.00
3.	NMDC Ltd.	—	—	3.0	16000.00
4.	Tata Steel Ltd.	5.0	13.0	33.5	87900.00
5.	Essar Steel Ltd.	4.6	14.50	20.5	68000.00